A Minute with Abraham Lincoln.

In the October number of The College Monthly there appeared a notice of an interesting paper taken from The Harvard Catechism in which the editor ventures to predict that The College Monthly may yet "grow to be a great magazine." As one of the prominent features of the great magazines of today consists in historical sketches of the great civil war and the leading actors in that fearful drama, I am tempted to give your brief account of my first interview with Abraham Lincoln.

Long before Mr. Lincoln was nominated for the presidency, he was my first and last and only choice for that position. I had read with the greatest satisfaction accounts of his political debates with Stephen A. Douglas, the so-called "Little Giant," and although the results of these Illinois campaigns were unfavorable to Douglas instead of Lincoln, no one could fail to see that Lincoln was by far the greater and better of the two.

Douglas I had heard as a monster, demagogue, gathering dust in Jones' wood a famous picture screen at that time in the upper part of New York City, and I was very anxious to see and pay my respects to the man who had grappled with the "Little Giant" and so far succeeded as to completely disabuse him. This desire was never gratified until after Mr. Lincoln was elected president.

When the announcement was made that he would pass through New York on his way to Washington, and hold a reception in the city hall, I arranged to pay my respects at that time. When the day arrived I went an early hour, and after two hours I found myself at the old Hudson River R. R. Depot in this city of an immense crowd of human beings who like myself had come early that they might catch the first sight of a president who had been elected to that high position for the first time in the history of the republic by the vote of a party which was honestly opposed to slavery.

Upon the president's appearance, the clapping and cheering of the crowd must have assured him that he was still the side of the right line.

According to the programme, the president upon reaching the city hall was to receive his friends and "shake hands" until a certain hour, I think eleven o'clock, after which he was to receive an hour or so longer, but the hand shaking must be dispensed with. Long before I reached the ball I was packed with people eager to see and shake hands with the president.

Without giving a detailed account of the difficulties I encountered in my attempts to reach the reception room, I will simply say that after being jammed and squeezed and pushed for an hour or two I finally reached the head of the stairs, where I encountered a small regiment of the first police force in the world, and was duly admitted by them that the time for shaking hands had passed and that I wasn't to try to do anything as shake hands with the president. Fully realizing today their instructions I passed on, but in making my way to the Lincoln's inevitable moment of my hand was interchanged by him in an offer to shake. He very pleasantly said to me the thing would not allow him to shake hands any longer. I told him that I had some forty miles to go for that purpose but had no desire to violate the rule. "That being the case," said he, "I'm shake hands," and shaking off his great general.

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THE GRANGE.

Several of the trustees, some of the faculty, and many of the students of this college are members of the Grange. The relation of the Grange to education may be inferred from the following article from the preamble to the constitution: "We shall advance the cause of education among ourselves and for our children by all means within our power. We especially advocate for our agricultural and industrial colleges that practical agriculture, domestic science and all the arts which adorn the home be taught in their course of study."

The Grange and the College are working towards the same object, the intelligent, manhood, and highest welfare of the agricultural classes; it is well therefore that the friends of the College and the friends of the Grange should understand each other and become acquainted. In this our College Monthly, we are happy to announce the publication of an address to the graduates of the Industrial Arts and Sciences delivered by President Adams last commencement by President Adams and Hon. C. G. Davis together with that of Hon. Joseph B. Lloyd, have been printed in a handsome form and are now ready for distribution. The addresses give the history of the college from its very origin.

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A SLEEPER.

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper carries the sleeper while he sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper carries the sleeper while he sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper, until there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

A cold snap-breaking an icicle."

"Bub, can you direct me to a dye shop?" asks a man of a boot black. "I know that," replies the boy, and directs the man to a &cetle's office.

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE.
In a long address to the national Grange at Lansing, Mich., the head of the department had nearly stamped out pneumonia and the oleomargarine fraud. Each state ought to have experimental stations and distribute seeds. He was opposed to the commissioner having a place in the cabinet because the department should be free from politics. The new method of manufacturing sugar cane at the experiment station at Fort Scott, Kan., had increased the amount of sugar from 13 to 100 dollars. An awe produces 2,000 lbs. of sugar at $.05 besides the yield of seed which is equal to the commission. America will soon produce all her sugar.

These officers were chosen: worthy master, Patrick Darden of Miss.; Overseer, Joseph Jones of Mass.; Recorder, Marion Whiteside of New Jersey; Steward, X. X. Harney of Va.; and Steward, J. B. Smith of Ga., chaplain, A. J. Rose of Texas.

THE STATE GRANGE.

The fiftteenth annual session of the Mass. State Grange will be held at Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19th, 1887.

The Master, James Draper of Worcester, and the Secretary, A. A. Brigham, of Amherst, are trustees of the M. A. C. It is to be hoped that many from Amherst will embrace the opportunity to see for themselves the workings of this efficient organization.

THE AMHERST GRANGE.

Grange No. 16, Amherst, E. T. Sabin, Master; J. E. Williams, Secretary, is in a flourishing condition. Four new members were recently received. A new easy organ has been put into the hall.

"In this the front of the Capitol." "You ask, where is the front you must go a round door on the other side."

"CUM THAR!"

The countryman who sent a dentist the following order for a set of teeth probably had to "cum thar" before he got them.

"My mouth is large. Indent a set, the height, mouth open, two fingers below through the jaw; some hooks on the edge; shaped like horseshoe, toe forward. If you want me to be more particular I shall have to cum thar. Yours truly," - Troy Times.

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